E. H. M. Huntington

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Private -

"Gaston" Shanghai June 25. 1862

My dear Mr Hooper.

Your several Cht. pr. "Glendower" "Salamander" & "Jeanne & Joseph" have all been received and the Teas by the first named vessel are now being landed. I have not been able to get any offer for them as yet, nor have I sold the lot ex "Lanncefield"; but hope soon to close off both lots. Those ex "Ocean Gem" I sold at Tls 10.3 m pr. pcl and will hand you a/c Sales soon. On the next page I give you the return of the Invce pr. "Lanrick" by which you will see Tls 182. 38 are placed to your credit in a/c with A H & Co.

"Saxon"

Shanghai June 25. 1862

My dear Mr Heard.

Your several Chits

p. Clarence, "Salamander" & "Jeanne

Dwight" have all been received and

the Ships by the first named vessel are

now being landed. Have not been

able to get any offer for them as

yet, nor have Sacks the lot pr

"Lancefield"; but hope soon to clear

off both lots. Have sold Benn Shir.

... at Tls. 3 a 9 pr pic and now

have some at these rates. On the

next page I give you the outturn

of the Cargo pr "Lancefield" by which

you will see that 182.38 are placed to

your credit in a/c with ...

Rec.d from Aug Heard & Co for

(H) 457 Boxes Tea, 258.04 pcls. @ 14 3/4 Tls

Taels 3807.56

Am.t of Inv.ce $ 3275.29
@ 3 3/8 % prem.m $ 3326.08

Mex.s @ 81 = Tls 2694.12
Frt. 610.22
Ins.ce 33.75
Landing expenses 13.50

3351.59 | 3351.59

Total profit Tls 455.97

Your share 2/5 comes to your

a/c with - Aug Heard & Co 182.38

Yrs truly

Ezra Huntington

Rec: from Aug Heard & Co for

[mark] 450 Bags Sug. 2287 qtls. @ 19¾

Sale 3807.26

Am.t of Inv.ce $3225.29

@ 3 1/8 % prem: $3326.08

Insur: @ 81 = $ 2694.12

Freight 610.22

Ins.ce 33.78

Cashing expences 13.50

	3351.29	3351.29
Nett profit	$	455.97

Your share 2/5 comes to your

credit - Aug Heard & Co 182.38

[illegible]

Private:— June 26. 1862.

My dear Bridges:

Enclosed please find B/L for 5 Chests Malwa which please dispose of to the best advantage remitting proceeds in Carolus dollars if procurable, otherwise in Sycee; don't want any Cargo. Charge any Commn you see fit, only do give me as good an out turn as you can and I will do as much for you any time you want anything done here — The weights of 7 Chests, 5 Mine & 2 of Wests are as follows

R&Co. #	1 -	96.	Catties —
	3 -	95.	"
	14 -	97.	
	20 -	97.10	"
	22 -	96.	"
	32.	96.04	"
	40 -	99.12	"

Yours truly

E. W. M. Huntington

Private. June 26. 1862.

My dear Bridge. Herewith plea[se]
find Bill for 5 Chests Carbon
which please dispose of to
the best advantage - remitting
proceeds in Carolus dollars
if favourable, otherwise
in Specie; this would carry
Cargo. Charge any brokerage you
like; only be quick in
as great an quantity as
you can and there is
the amount for you any
time you want any thing
done here. - The weights
of 7 Chests, 5 times 2

of each - are as follows
No. 1 - 96. Catties -
3 - 95.
14 - 97.
20 - 97.10
22 - 96.
32. 96.04
40 - 95.12

Yours truly
[illegible]

Memo. Cost 5 C Opium pr. "Kin
Dart" Consignt. to Bridges –

486.10 @ 550 = Ts.	2676.43
Duty on 5 pcls 150 cms	167.10
Comm. on 300 @ 1/4	37.50
Frt to K K	25.–
Ts.	2906.03

Shanghai Jan 26. 62

588.20

Amount Sale of [illegible] per [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

486.[illegible] @ 550 =	Tls 2675.43
Duty on Silk [illegible]	167.10
Comm. on [illegible] 1½	37.50
[illegible]	26.—
Tls.	2906.03

Shanghai Jan 26. 6[illegible]

[illegible]

Shanghai July 16. 62

John Green Esq.

14 Mincing Lane

London

Dear Sir.

Your favor of May 26. covering B/L & Invo. of Merchandise p. "Anglo Saxon", to the address of Mr Cunningham. Came to hand by last mail & in compliance with your request I beg to hand you first of exchange for £184.18.. on Messrs Pearson & Co, No 4943, 6 m/s this day's date. being

for amt. Invo.	£182.3..	
interest on old a/c	2.15	£184.18..

In haste — Yours truly

[illegible]

Maclean. Shanghai Augt 23. 1861.

My dear Mr Webster. I have been away for a fortnight – so that this is no chance to reply to your letter of July 16. and offers, which came duly to hand together with duplicate. –

In accordance with your wishes & thinking it best for your interest I have closed off all your Teas as follows.

252 @ [mark] 23/24 w Camp Chile at 41.6.4/10
458 . 20/37 . Hyson Green – 44¾.

The 445 @ w Chun Then have been cleared & paid for as already advised. Those of Camp Chile are paid for, but not cleared. While the lot w Mandarin will probably be settled for so that I can hand you clean account in the course of a week. As I have left this three late – district from the then account – I have kept the books &

the parcel ex "Ocean Gem" to pay off
freight & other expenses on the other
two, but will hand you separate ac
sales of each lot and pass bal:ce
to Cr of your private a/c when all are
cleared off - They will show you a loss
I am afraid but still the charges shall
be made as light as possible - Excuse
brevity but being very busy cannot spin
a long yarn.

Yours truly.

E. A. M. Huntington

[illegible]. [illegible] September 11th 1868.

My dear Charles. Yours of July 23rd came to hand
all right. but Knight's being away gave me a
good deal to look after, so that I have not had
time to write you. – Knight has come [illegible]
of the [illegible] on the Bund(?) & the position of our
account. but Dalton leaves it all to you now
to clear off every thing as soon as you can and
close accounts. and at a future period I will
tell you what to do with the balance. I
have the old Shanghai [illegible] & cash-
for June 30, and 30th September, on which
Knight's [illegible] [illegible] when he was in
Shanghai. and Dalton [illegible] [illegible]
if you can give any [illegible] claim to [illegible]
and ask him to look on a while for
the balance. which however I [illegible]
to any [illegible] to pay [illegible]. We have
had only a few [illegible] this year. but
I do not doubt we shall [illegible] these [illegible]

them up before the season closes. Do your best, please, to smooth over the matter and keep him from prolonging it. It has been a struggle with me (I tell you on the square) this season. high prices for produce & low prices for Imports causing commission business to be nil, and investment to show considerable loss; but I do not regret the change, and as we have built up a good connection here we could but we will yet be well. — I hardly know what to advise you, regarding sending out five chests of Malwa for the winter; it may be as high as Rs 750 pr. pcl, but it is then chance, so you must judge for yourself, and the chances of your doing better with the money in Shanghai. — I do not think I would run the risk myself, from what I can now see. — This winter I will try and see what can be done and will let you know my experience in the spring, or during the winter if there is any communication. — By doing Sucheong a good turn now & then

Our dear Brother

[illegible] the pleasure of introducing

Brother [illegible]

you [illegible] our intentions to

establishing [illegible]

[illegible] hope that you can help

[illegible]

you can always get money from him when he is flush & perhaps he will be willing to furnish you with funds & go in a joint sp. with you, - Sometimes when freights are low & money cheap one can make a "bit" of a haul on a cargo of Teas N. Brunswick! - By the way the first vessel after the receipt of this will be nearly the last one from Shanghai this season, so if you ever remember the poor friend up some bottle to while away the winter hours (you are willing) - And will you be kind enough to send me up lessons in the Mandarin dialect - the best book of simple ordinary phrases with Chinese Characters attached, so that I can pick up a little of this barbarous lingo - Also please look after my Royal Arch & Templar Certificates -

with much love Yours

Billy

Newchwang June 17. 1865.

R. F. Gould Esq.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the pleasure of introducing Brother McCready, who will fully explain to you all our intentions as to Establishing a Lodge here and I hope that you can help us to start before winter sets in. — Asking your kind

Nanaimo June 17th 1865.

I. W. Powell Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

Greeting.

Dear Sir and Brother:

As the Resident Master Masons of this Port wish to establish a Lodge I take the liberty of forwarding through Brother Mc Creary a Petition for a warrant.— We will all feel very much obliged by your giving us liberty to work as soon as possible and remain:

Yours truly & fraternally

Ephm. Humphreys.

Newchwang. China.
November 6th. 1865.

Bernhard Tauchnitz Esq.
Leipzig.

Dear Sir.

Will you have the kindness to inform me what your price will be for the following books, of your usual edition. (like enclosed) bound in thick paste board covers, marbled, with green Morocco binding, & gilt letters. viz.—

Sir Walter Scott's novels & works Complete
Charles Dickens " " " "
Wm. Thackerays " " " "
Cooper: " "
Captn. Marryat. " "
Thomas Moores Poems. "

Please also state what the freight would be by overland route, via Trieste, to Shanghai & if satisfactory I will send you an order with a Bank Bill on London as a remittance.

Newchwang. China.
November 6th. 1886.

Bernhard Tauchnitz, Esq.
Leipzig.

Dear Sir:

Will you have the kindness to inform me what your price would be for the following books, of your usual edition, (like enclosed) bound in thick paste-board covers, marbled, with green Morocco binding, & gilt lettered, viz:—

Sir Walter Scott's works complete English
Charles Dickens " " "
Wm. Thackeray " " "
Cooper's " "
Capt. Marryatt's " "
Thomas Moore Poems "

Please also state what the freight would be by overland route, via Paris, to Shanghai, & if satisfactory I will send you an order with a Bank Bill on London as a remittance.

Newchwang
May 12th: 1866.

Messrs: Meyers Mortimer,
No 36 Conduit St,
London.

Dear Sirs..

I received receipt of your favor of 3rd Feby with the box of clothing & am much obliged for the satisfactory manner in which my small order was executed; and now beg to enclose a draft on Messrs. Smith Elder & Co for the balance of a/c say £6.12/11.

Yours &c:
Edwin Huntington.

Newchwang June 12th 18[illegible]

My Dear Forbes,

We have learned of your return to China and trust you have had a pleasant trip, although it is to be hoped that you did not enjoy yourself to such an extent as to be disgusted at Shanghai on your return! You will have noticed what an amount of trouble Knight has had with rowdies, & notwithstanding the presence of the "Wachusett" the local officials are so powerless & inefficient that as yet he has had but little satisfaction from them. Business is going on briskly so far as the Shipment of Produce goes but in Cotton Goods & Opium [illegible]

or even any thing troubling you but as you understand & know me better than any one in a similar position I do so hoping you will drop a few lines in reply as soon as convenient. The two Knights send their Chin-Chin and F. P. will probably write when his present difficulties & annoyances are over. Now he is busy all the time, & will be till his late affair is brought to conclusion.

Yours very truly.
C. W. Huntington

Kiukiang June 22nd '64

My dear Mother. We have learned your arrival to China and think you have had a pleasant trip although it is to be hoped that you did not enjoy yourself so much as whilst on the trip at Shanghai on your return! You will have heard ere this an account of [illegible] Knights [illegible] his visit, remaining, & [illegible] the presence of the Merchants [illegible] [illegible] affairs in [illegible] insufficient [illegible] as yet he has had little satisfaction from the [illegible]. [illegible] is going on [illegible] as the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Excuse my thus troubling you but as your [illegible] & [illegible] are little. Have any of you in a similar position [illegible] helping your mind through a few times in replying as an arrangement. After two Knights and their Chin-Chins and [illegible] I now perfectly [illegible] when the present difficulties & annoyances are over. Now he is busy all the time, & was by the [illegible] his late affair is brought to conclusion.

Yours very truly,

[illegible signature]

scarcely anything is doing. My term of partnership with "Nile & Co" ceased on the first of March and since that time you will observe that I sign the name and shall continue to do so until further notice. What my next move will be I cannot say. This place does not agree with me either mentally or physically, and as a change is necessary I must "pull up stakes"; whether for home or not I have not decided, but as my "pile" has not accumulated to an over burdening extent, I am afraid that a few years more must be passed in the "gorgeous East" before returning "to the west", to the west: and if you know of any situation, or opening, suitable I shall feel obliged by your informing me of it. I am not proud and will accept of almost any respectable berth in any part of China, Japan, or elsewhere, if the post is open "all the year round". Can you give me any information as to the new San Francisco & China line of Steamers? I write to no one else in Shanghai on the above subject and if you can give me any encouragement to touch at Shanghai I shall do so, otherwise start off direct for Hong Kong en route for San Francisco.

[illegible] Jany. 18th 18[illegible]

My dear Charlie, Many thanks for your Chit in re to the Lodge, but as Wetherspoon has only his word to prove that he has been a member I suppose it is useless to pursue the matter further. The fee given was never paid by anyone here, but I understand Mr Coundy that it was [illegible] disposed with money. If he has recovered it, all right. [illegible] :- You will doubtless be a little surprised that I have not informed you of my partnership having expired; but since Knights' return the matter of keeping on has been under discussion, so I have said nothing about it. but I am happy to say these details of our affairs [illegible]

Knight it is different as he is an older man & has made up his mind to consider this as his home and is therefore contented. The share [illegible] with mutual regret as our intercourse has been pleasant and agreeable, but as I cannot make up my mind to make this my home I shall "while":- The only other person to whom I have written about this in Shanghai is [illegible], & thinking that I should not have time to write to anyone else I told him he was the only one, so if he says anything please explain. If I do not go to Shanghai I will write again meantime you better drop me a line, if you think it worth while, by first opportunity sending some copy of [illegible]

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Boston April 27, 1860.

No. 667.

Mr E. H. Mills Huntington at any Port East of the Cape of Good Hope
is hereby authorized to value on Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool,
payable in London, at six months sight.
for account of Mr C. P. Huntington of Boston.
for any sum or sums not exceeding in all Five Hundred Pounds Sterling
for cost of
property to be shipped to Boston or to New York.
The Bills of Lading to be filled up to Brown, Brothers & Co.

The Bills must be drawn within twelve months from this date, and the advice of them to Brown, Shipley & Co. (in duplicate) must be accompanied by Bill of Lading, with an abstract of Invoice endorsed thereon on receipt of which documents in order, the Bills will be duly honored.

And Brown, Shipley & Co. hereby agree with the drawers, endorsers and bona fide holders of Bills, drawn in compliance with the terms of this Credit, that the same shall be duly honored on presentation at their counting house

For £500=

The user of this Credit will please to sign the drafts as drawn under Credit No. 667 dated April 27, 1860. and also send Invoice & B/Lading by the vessel under cover to Brown Brothers & Co, Boston.

Brown Shipley & Co
by Attorney.
Jas. M. Curtis

.. under this credit

No. 1. Canton August 27th/1860 favor myself @ 6m/s £263.10.8 @ 4/9½ $1100.–

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Boston, February 21, 18

No. 615.

Mr. E. H. Mills Huntington, at China,
is hereby authorized to value on Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool,
payable in London, at six months sight,
for account of Himself & J. F. Curtis,
for any sum or sums not exceeding in all One Thousand Pounds Sterling
for cost
property to be shipped to Boston, or to New York.
The Bills of Lading to be filled up to Brown, Brothers & Co.

The Bills must be drawn within twelve months from this date, and the advice of them to Brown, Shipley & Co. (in duplicate) must be accompanied by Bill of Lading, with an abstract of Invoice endorsed thereon on receipt of which documents in order, the Bills will be duly honored.

And Brown, Shipley & Co. hereby agree with the drawers, endorsers and bona fide holders of Bills, drawn in compliance with the terms of this Credit, that the same shall be duly honored on presentation at their counting house

For £1000——

The user of this Credit will please to sign the drafts as drawn under Credit No. 615 dated February 21, 1860. and also send Invoice [illegible] by the vessel under cover to Brown Brothers & Co. Boston.

Brown Shipley & Co.
by Attorney,

Wm. B. Curtis

60.

Bills drawn under this Credit

June 1.	in my favor	at 6 d/s	£ 496. 8. 2.	@ 4/9¾	$2063.
Dec. 10	"	"	271. 12. 9	. 4/8¾	$1159

Duplicate.

Boston, February

No. 615

Mr E. H. Mills Huntington, at China.
is hereby authorized to value on Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool,
payable in London, at six months sight,
for account of Himself & J. F. Curtis.
for any sum or sums not exceeding in all One Thousand Pounds for
cost
property to be shipped to Boston or to New York
The Bills of Lading to be filled up to Brown, Brothers & Co.

Duplicate.

The Bills must be drawn within twelve months
from this date, and the advice of them to Brown, Shipley & Co. (in duplicate)
must be accompanied by Bill of Lading, with an abstract of Invoice endorsed
thereon on receipt of which documents in order, the Bills will be duly honored.

And Brown, Shipley & Co. hereby agree with the drawers, endorsers
and bona fide holders of Bills, drawn in compliance with the terms of this Credit,
that the same shall be duly honored on presentation at their counting house

For £1000—

The user of this Credit will please
to sign the drafts as drawn under
Credit No. 615 dated February 21. 1860.
and also send Invoice & B/Lading
by the vessel under cover to
Brown Brothers & Co. Boston.

Brown Shipley
by Attorney
Jno. N. Curtis

Bills drawn under this Credit

No. 1	Canton	June 1.	in my favor at	6 m/s	£ 496. 8. 2.	@ 4/9 3/4	$ 2063. —
2	"	Dec. 10	"	"	271. 12. 9	. 4/8 3/4	$ 1159

Duplicate.

Boston, February

No. 615

Mr E. H. Mills Huntington, at China.
is hereby authorized to value on Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool,
payable in London, at six months sight,
for account of Himself & J. F. Curtis,
for any sum or sums not exceeding in all One Thousand Pounds for cost
of property to be shipped to Boston or to New York
The Bills of Lading to be filled up to Brown, Brothers & Co.

The Bills must be drawn within twelve months from this date, and the advice of them to Brown, Shipley & Co. (in duplicate) must be accompanied by Bill of Lading, with an abstract of Invoice endorsed thereon on receipt of which documents in order, the Bills will be duly honored.

And Brown, Shipley & Co. hereby agree with the drawers, endorsers and bona fide holders of Bills, drawn in compliance with the terms of this Credit, that the same shall be duly honored on presentation at their counting house

Duplicate.

For £1000—

The user of this Credit will please to sign the drafts as drawn under Credit No. 615 dated February 21. 1860. and also send Invoice & B/Lading by the vessel under cover to Brown Brothers & Co. Boston.

Brown Shipley
by Attorney
Thos. B. Curtis

Bills drawn under this Credit

No 1	Canton	June 1.	in my favor at	6 m/s	£ 496. 8. 2.	@ 4/9¾	$2063. —
2	"	Dec. 10	"	"	271. 12. 9	. 4/8¼	$1159

Duplicate.

Boston, February 21.

No. 615.

Mr E. H. Mills Huntington, at China.
is hereby authorized to value on Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool,
payable in London, at six months sight,
for account of Himself & J. F. Curtis.
for any sum or sums not exceeding in all One Thousand Pounds Sterl
for cost
property to be shipped to Boston or to New York
The Bills of Lading to be filled up to Brown, Brothers & Co.

The Bills must be drawn within twelve months
from this date, and the advice of them to Brown, Shipley & Co. (in duplicate)
must be accompanied by Bill of Lading, with an abstract of Invoice endorsed
thereon on receipt of which documents in order, the Bills will be duly honored.

And Brown, Shipley & Co. hereby agree with the drawers, endorsers
and bona fide holders of Bills, drawn in compliance with the terms of this Credit,
that the same shall be duly honored on presentation at their counting house

Duplicate.

For £1000 —

The user of this Credit will please
to sign the drafts as drawn under
Credit No. 615 dated February 21. 1860.
and also send Invoice & B/Lading
by the vessel under cover to
Brown Brothers & Co. Boston.

Brown Shipley & Co
by Attorney
Jno. N. Curtis

Pr Waverley.

Canton June 1860.

Messrs Brown Brothers & Co.
Boston

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I beg to wait upon you with Bill Lading and Invoice of

HC 1000
" K 100 } 1200 Boxes Merchandise Costing $ 2063.—
" B 100

Shipped pr Waverley, Rice Master, from Whampoa for New York, for account and risk of J. P. Curtis Esq and myself and consigned to Messrs Brown Brothers & Co. This Shipment is placed under letter of Credit No 615 on Messrs Brown Shipley & Co Liverpool for £ [illegible] dated at Boston February 21st 1860 and in due Course I shall value upon these Gentlemen for cost of same.

Your obedient Servt
E. Mills Huntington.

W. Mason Esq.

Boston June 1860

Messrs Baring Brothers & Co.

London

Gentlemen

Enclosed I beg to hand you with Bills Lading and Invoice of

[mark] Nos 1 to 120 / A 1 to 110 / B 1 to 105 } 120 bags Merchandise costing $ 2063.—

Shipped per [illegible] from [illegible] for New York. for account and risk of J. H. [illegible] Esq and consigned to Messrs Baring Brothers & Co. This shipment is placed under Letter of Credit of [illegible] Messrs Baring Brothers [illegible] dated at Boston February 27th 1860 and in due course I shall value upon these Gentlemen for cost of same.

Your Obedient Servant

[illegible]

SUN MUTUAL INS. CO.
NEW YORK MUTUAL INS. CO. } of New York
MERCANTILE MUTUAL INS. CO.

Hongkong June 6th 1862

My dear Huntington -

Nothing new here since my last, except plen=ty of "pidgeon" - Deacon & Seabra being at Macao & we are kept hard at it -

J. H. E. wiped his quill for the last time on the 31st, and has not been at the office since - Expect he will go North, before going home -

I have made up your a/c to 1st June and enclose it here=with, shewing a balance in your favor of $177.16 which amt. awaits your further orders, and trust may be found correct.

With nothing new to com=municate, & chin chin to Parker & all hands - I remain in haste

Yrs truly & fraternally

F. Blake

P.S.
There's a report that the "Hankow" is going up your way ere long -

18th Dec 1862

My dear Huntington

I will hold on of course, until we are obliged to take dely before trying to sell the Coal, but if we can do so then at a net profit of T 2 or so per ton I think it would be better to let 'em go at ships side. Dont you think so?

There are some* 600 tons landed which can be bought of another party; — do you want to go in for more?

Yrs truly

J.K. Rodgers

P.T.O.

* 400 tons @ 15½ 2 mos storage free

200 tons @ 15.

Your arrival fr "Nabob" to day is not in the market I suppose

Boston
June 24th 1862

My dear Molly

Yours of March 22nd no unrecd. by due course of mail & contents noted. Since then I believe Father or some other member of the family has written & you have doubtless recd thanks for the bag sent by the "Loma" which I suppose will arrive here about the middle of July. If I have the pleasure of seeing Capt Chever I will pay him due attention — In regard to the money which I borrowed of you

and the Old President paying Each other com-

[illegible]

thought when Parker left here he was intending to wind up his affairs in China & come here to be married & live. but as I see that interesting ceremony has been performed there I suppose he inclines to make his pile bigger before relinquishing his interest in business. Have you met his nephew yet? He was considered a very nice fellow here. I only knew him very little in the Cadets. We should be delighted to see you at home whenever you can return but fear it may be some time yet. I understand Mr John Heard is expected here this summer, and very likely I shall see him if he comes –

I intend, if I can, to invest it this summer in U. S. or other stocks, but at any rate whenever you wish to use it draw on me at say ten days sight and it shall be forthcoming. I am glad to say business has been a little better than it was in the fall and winter and I hope to be able to discharge my obligation to you soon. I am sorry to see you are getting somewhat disgusted with Chinese life, and I don't know as I wonder much at it. A man has to make a great many sacrifices, certainly, but I trust you will be fully repaid bye & bye by becoming a partner in the house. I

There is very little news of any kind to tell you. A great battle is to be fought at Richmond soon, unless the Rebels think best to leave again, and I don't see how they can do that very well. McClellan's army must now be very large, probably not far from one hundred and fifty thousand men, and the effective force of the Rebels cannot vary much from that number. We had a letter from Ned last week in which he gave us some accounts of bridge or rather corduroy-road building which he superintended with a force of fifty men & two commissioned officers & for which he was praised by

the Brigade Quartermaster.
He has not been in any general engagement yet, though at the battle of Hanover Court House six weeks since his regiment was ordered out and made a forced march of 18 miles, & he has frequently been under fire at Richmond & Yorktown while performing picket duty or digging trenches. He likes his life very much and seems to be in excellent spirits now that he is a full fledged Lieutenant. I am inclined to think he is a very good officer. He writes that McClellan has stated that in the coming battle he should rely greatly upon his regulars, so his desire for a fight will probably be

long one, or brought to a close soon. I am in-
clined myself to the opinion that it will last
all of a year longer. It may however end
as suddenly as it, to all appearances, begun.
As yet very little, if any, genuine Union feeling
has been manifested at New Orleans or any of
the other places we have taken. Probably the
feeling that the Rebels may compel us to evac-
uate prevents to some degree the expression of
Union sentiments, but a victory on our part at
R. ought to dispel any fears of that kind. Then
we can better judge of the probable length
of the war. I don't see how it can be less than

fully gratified and I trust he dying come out of it un-harmed. The army is in excellent spirits, I am told, & eager for the fray, & not at all doubtful as to the result. If we are victorious at R. the summer campaign will be well nigh ended. I suppose you know Uncle Henry Davis was in command now of the fleet on the Mississippi and commanded at the capture of Memphis. I believe they have now started down the river & will probably assist Com. Farragut in the reduction of Vicksburg. Then the river will be open from its source to mouth. It is impossible to tell whether the war is to be a

a year, and think it more likely to be several years — I hope not certainly, or our business will be at a terrible discount.

I believe I wrote you that John Cutter went to Rio Janeiro with his brother Charles, who was very sick. He is now at home, I learn, but I have not seen him. Chas. is at Nice, Italy, for his health, which has been very much impaired, and his friends fear he never will be well again. I believe he is threatened with consumption.

The family are all well except that Mother is suffering from a sprained ankle — nothing very serious.

Fanny was in the office yesterday looking as blooming as a rose, & reports her family in good health except Joe. L. who is troubled with his usual long cold, & has now gone to New York for relief. Annie Thayer goes to St. Catharine's next week, She has greatly improved in health and I think will be as well as ever she was next fall. She would send all the love I have a mind to spare did she know I was writing to you — Tomorrow she goes out to Milton to spend a few days. I believe all our Cambridge relations are well. Grandma staid a few days with Fanny last week & they were all very much pleased with her visit — Fanny said it was very amusing to see her

I have got the jolliest baby you ever saw — I don't mean another — but the last. She is awful awful smart & not pretty, but so lively. Never will be good. Joseph is as good a child as ever was seen, and as interesting. He is the personification of old maids & old bachelors children. Charlie looks very well this summer — I fear he dyes his whiskers for they are less fiery than formerly. We are living on in the same way with Mr & Mrs Grundy. It is a very large house, & Sam & Mary are away, & as the house is in Jo's name, there is every reason we should. We shall pass the winter out of town probably & find it pretty quiet after last winter. Mary &

May Kusting were over the other Sunday. I dont like to think how much I wish you were over here among us. but I know you are better off. & if at home would be at the war so to speak or else would wish to be, I hope. I think we have seen our happiest days as a family, when we were all little & young together. I think I shall send one of your photos to Cousin James or Grandma after giving one to Wm Cabot as you direct.

Ever your aff. sister

L. F. Q.

Quincy

July. 14th

Is not it better to direct to Shanghae, & how shall it be done?

July 21st

[illegible] intending ever since Mr Cutter arrived here the last of June, to write you, but as I find the China mail closes the 20th of the month I put off writing till just before that time. We have been passing the day at Milton with the baby, while Sheriff Shaw say she had been writing so I suppose we shall stumble upon the same things. I shall try & write more regularly now, for it must be very provoking to you to receive a flood of letters one month & none the next. I will preface my letter by remarking that your postage has been rather high lately, owing I suppose to the extra thick paper you use now. The last but one was over fifty cents, & the other nearly as much. I did not mind it at all as I am very glad to pay that to have a

[illegible cross-writing]

letter than all Mary has told you all the family news.

letter, but I thought it was a new
thing. If it is necessary I dont care
at all, but am too happy to have it so.
Mr Cutter seemed a nice man, & very
fond of you. & I was glad to see him.
All your men talk like desperate
bachelors, tho' Mr Barker reformed
after I saw him. Diamonds seem
to be a weakness among you, but
I hope you will resist them, as I
think they give a man so vulgar
an air.
Sallie & Gertrude Austin were out
here the other day to pay two or
three days & the former promised
to write & send you her photograph.
I had intended sending you one
they gave me, but as she will do
it, I think you had better wait
till the next mail & have a note too.
I wonder if you will like those
which Joe sends. Of course the baby
looks older, & after buying a good

many times for myself. Joe had a
copy made from a daguerre, which
is considered good. I don't look as
well as given that. I should very
much like a good one of you if you
can ever get one, in dark clothes.
Sallie & I think the one you sent, too
horrid to be seen.
Don't you get terribly excited over
war news? I hope you do, for I
cant imagine an American feeling
cool now. I trust too that you are
not surrounded by Yankee influences
& I fear for many such men together
[illegible] a tendency that way. And the
English for the most part are behaving
disgracefully, at least the leading
[illegible], but Reverend Wm Channing of
Liverpool who was here the other day,
says the mass of them are with us &
liberty, & the preface to 2nd vol. of Tom
Brown is very sympathizing. I
I do so hate the English, with their

narrowness & bigotry, & what freedom
have they, when a few members of
Parliament give tone to all their papers.
We are very much interested in the
Patterson, & McDowell columns now.
The Mass. 1st of which George alias Judge
Melloin Lieut Col. is in the right wing of the
latter's advancing column, & in great
danger, & Sam is Capt. in the 2nd Regiment
which is in Patterson's column. The
McClellan army fights its battles &
wins its victories with merely common
interest to us, but we look forward
to every paper containing accounts from
the others with breathless interest. How
many wives & mothers have got to
have their hearts broken by this wicked
wicked war! But I am so glad we
are fighting it! I wish I could too, for
our blood is now thoroughly up. It
all who are on the side of anti-slavery
feel of course the greatest interest. But
if compromising comes afterwards
this will all seem to be in vain. I hope
you see Vanity Fair; it is so very good now.
Better than Punch. & on our side which is

Boston Sept
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Dear Mills,

I enclose letters for Walter. I wrote you last steamer & have nothing of news. I wrote Leigh Cheever at N.Y. as to the teas per Iowa & he said he would forward them & call at the office. Ned is better & hopes to set off this week

to rejoin his Regiment_
The Rebels seem to
have made a mistep
in marching over
the border & according
to all accounts after
having been riddled
& are seeking what
virtue there may
be in skedadling -
Charley has not yet
returned from the
White mountains &
seems in no hurry

your Aff Father
C. P. H.

Tuesday. [illegible]

My dear [illegible], For the first time in weeks I have [illegible]
quently [illegible] I mean to [illegible]
your service. If [illegible] letters
could go by telegraph, how nice
it would be. I feel perfectly
hopeless when I think of the length
of time which passes before I can
be heard from. I shall take
family items first in order &
remark by way of preface that
I wrote you a long letter soon
after we came in town, & sent
Hallie Austin's photog. Of course
you have rec'd them by this. It
seems so natural to be in Boston
again, but so unnatural to be
in Park St & going about to places,
clubs, parties &c. with Joe instead
of you. I would not have believed
it could be so queer. The last

[illegible]

winter I was in town was the last winter you were & the past three years seem like a dream. I belong to such a new set of people & things. Jessie does not seem like my own child, but like Henry gone backwards, & the baby does not weigh upon my mind much as yet. When teeth begin to come, maternity is an omni-present feeling. They are both good children & so far, under excellent discipline notwithstanding Grandparents &c. I belong to a club this winter also but it is under Parker instead of Dresel & meets in Chickering's Rooms without supper instead of Ellen Ward's with. We shall have our first concert next Monday night & our best singers are those two Miss Goodwins who went to

Brother Bartol's church. Their
brother who always reminded
me of you, is a quasi-bass
singer, & by the way has made
himself famous as an actor
in private theatricals this winter.
Their other brother of Calcutta
memory, is a captain in the
2nd Mass. with Sam Quincy.
Ellen Ward, Sallie Cary & Clare
... of our number. Dresel
wanted a club himself, but
was not quite quick enough in
securing his singers & Parker
got the start of him. Hence
rivalry. I meet Molly Higginson
& various friends of yours in
the street occasionally, & if you
will believe it, that same
little horse of Widower Andrew
son-in-law of Bigham, still
sends along the streets with

his head between his fore legs. &
the same old buggy behind
with some of the same old
mud still upon its wheels. &
behind sitting the two men
looking no older & not a
whit different. The first of the
winter I went to hear our
Brother Bartol, & found the
state of things externally —
improved. The hearts of the
congregation however seemed
much as usual, notwithstanding
the accumulated sermons
chants of three years, ~~[illegible]~~
poured upon their ears
weekly. A new organ,
organist, & choir help
things on a little in the
eyes of the world.
Uncle Frederic is "going it strong"

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mony the Slivies ex. in the
em Church built upon—not
to sand, but the old bottles
& shoes & ashes of the old
inhabitatants. He is doing
much good they all say, &
I presume he is likewise
receiving the usual equivalent.
Whether he puts his pearls
through the eyes of his needles
or not I cant say. The
probable end of Hall will be
"Our uncle the Right Reverend
Bishop Frederic."
I suppose I may tell you that
Charlie Peirce is engaged to a
Miss Fay, niece of Miss Maria,
cousin of Lillie Greenough (that was,
now Mrs Moulton of Paris) and
daughter of a country episcopal
clergyman, poor, but a sort

of second Mother to her younger
brothers & sisters, ~~and~~ & three
years older than himself but a
girl of intellect, who had the
energy to teach school herself in
order to get money to go through
the Agassiz School. I am not
supposed to know it yet as it is
a dead secret, but Mary who
has just come from there told
me of it, & it will probably be
out before a great while. I
hope he will be improved &
do well. I never have fully
understood him. Poor Mr
has gone, & it is one of the
hardest deaths to believe in. He
seemed so full of life always &
it is impossible to think of Camb
without him. They all loved
him out there, & it will be hard
to get as good a President
to fill his place. I suppose you
have heard that Pa has advertis
his house, so you see the famil
bid fair to make at least one

ore change before you return. The
entlemen of Northampton have
ormed what they call a
"Duodecimal Club" & meet once
a week & take tea with each
ther, leaving their wives at
ome to smoke the cigars & do
the business, guard the house
I suppose. Lively isn't it?
Query. What is the wife of
a Duodecimal? Half of that
fraction?
Do you want some books sent
out? What is your style of
reading now-a-days? Do
you own Dickens, Do you
ever see or read any essays
I should like to send you some
next July, & please tell me what
meets your approbation. I have
been reading some most interesting
essays by Herbert Spencer an
english Philosopher, Political
Economist & Metaphysician

(who bids fair to stand at the top of the ladder) upon subjects connected with government &c, which have made those subjects clear & interesting to me for the first time. Abst Mill's Essays are very fine indeed. I shall be delighted to get you some books if you will only give me a hint as to their character. I went to see Annie Sheppen yesterday. I sort of liked her in spite of a great deal I always see to disapprove of. She has no mercy upon Charlie it seems to me (in the way of getting presents out of him) I imagine she belongs to the class of girls, by no means small, to whom one of the great charms of being engaged is, that she has a young man to sponge of presents & bouquets, attentions &c I am sorry to think so of her. And she is very hard to please.

Tuesday May 27. 1862

Dear Mills

I add a few lines just to inform you as to your silks _ David Curtis put them into the hands of J. L Pearce & Co. Calcutta & India merchants in Franklin Street & I called on him this morning to get a report for you. He sold them once at 42 cts but they were returned for their imperfections. Since that he sent some to N.Y. but could get no sales & and the best there are offering of 35 cts! David Curtis advises selling at auction in N.Y. & Pearce is going to see him further about it _ I should advise holding on as there will be few importations & probably increased duties _

You will get your mystery in ... photographs next time.

Cabot cant sell your tables yet but has some monies in his hands. The property is in the hands of auctioneer -
Pearce says the jobbers in Milk & Washington streets are running each other on sacsnettes & keep prices down - that he has looked over yours carefully & they are very imperfect & really unfit for dresses for ladies - you must have got badly cheated in your purchase -
you will see that Banks has got badly whipt in Virginia, & driven over the Potomac, & brags now that he had 5 battles on his retreat - If it is any comfort for being & have

been whipt, five times instead
of once. I hope he enjoys it —
I never expected anything
better of a miserable lobby
politician & demagogue.
made Major General &
B. F. Butler is another
of the same genus — We
have not yet reached the
crisis of affairs, though we
whip them handsomely
all round, I cant yet see
the restoration of the Union,
and in fact the company
of such a set of incarnate
Devils, under fresh inspiration
from the pits of the bottomless
pit all the while, is hardly
desirable — I am holding
on to your species for such
a rise as will make it —

an object to sell — Why
don't you make charges for
your purchases on joint
account. If ~~Bro~~ the charges
of interest exchange, &c are
not right, or at least suggest —
I understand our Townsman
Loring Cunningham is at
Shanghai on a Salary of 5000,
I should like to see him earn
it. I hope something better
will open for you when the
5 years are up & the war
over, but at present & so far
you are lucky to be as you
are, if you can have your
health — Can't Heard & Co
employ you in N. York?
your aff father

C. P. Huntington

Monday April 7. 1862

Dear Mills

Mary's letter was intended for last Steamer, but as I did not certain information from Wm Cabot I delayed it. He has since informed he has about $50.00 in hand for you & that he has made a Loss of $34.00 by sale & insolvents on lacker ware and some remains on hand.

that he returned the silks to Saml Curtis. Curtis says he found him a slow coach & taking no interest in the sale & has put them into S.H. Peirce & Co hands who made sale but had to take them back for imperfections - They ought to bring average 46 cts & save you but will not. Peirce tells me he has one or 2 parties in treaty & we have told him to sell before the season closes. If he gets 40 he will do well as they are selling French silks (very pretty) for 50 cts - I send you Curtis ale current up to finish Jenny, tutture is a profit of $100 or so on the capsia I understand -

This Peirce is a very good fellow in the Chinese trade. Great complaints are made of the dulness of trade & out of the business created by this War. it is no doubt hard times - You lament in your letter to your mother over your want of progress in money making, but I can assure you that you are well off compared with other young men of your

age here if you can get a living at present. If you make yourself necessary & indispensable to your house your fortune is made sooner or later, & to that your energies should be exclusively directed unless some very tempting offer in the way of adventure occurs. I have got your money in bank or specie called as the times are so dark ahead I dare not invest it as yet, and stocks are high & must go down, for the war is not over yet, notwithstanding our splendid successes thus far. You have got a climate that suits you - agreeable gentlemen for associates, & time ahead. Be content & bless your happy stars that look down upon you as a young man with something to do, & paid for doing it - John Heard is coming home this Summer Charley says - I watch the foreign news to see if you are a prisoner among the Chinese rebels - Ned has got the start of you as a soldier, as Henry Wilson writes me he has got his commission as 2d Lieutenant at last in 11 U. S. Regiment, now in Camp near Fortress Monroe where battles by land & sea are daily expected & where we have now most of our army of the Potomac - you see by

the papers all about the war I
suppose. Your Courier & Tribune
were stopped as you ordered. I
suppose you see young Greene at
Shanghai. His father is a sort of
country neighbor of ours whom we
exchange calls with. He has a splendid
situation in sight of our house & is quite
devoted to agriculture, being a retired
merchant whose first wife was a
Sturgis brother of Russell Sturgis of London.
Major Bob Stevenson is at home with a
minie ball in his ~~thigh~~ thigh not yet
extracted received at Newbern.
Your photograph or daguerreotype came over
land & we think it is very good. I hope
before this you have got your cranberries
sent out last November by the "Game
Cock". But I suppose Mary has gone
through with all the domestic matters
& I therefore confine myself to business.
Your mother's photograph will be
got & forwarded before long.

Your Aff father
C. O. Huntington

Sunday Sept 8th.

My dear Willis,

As it is some time since I have taken pen in hand to write to you, I conclude that you must be languishing under the loss and hasten to make some amends by the length of this (Don't be alarmed!) I have been prevented from writing before by a variety of conflicting causes, which it would be impossible to write within the compass of one letter (Thank my stars, and garters if I believe, I hear you say) and therefore will not attempt it, suffice it to say that most of the letters I have time to write are sent to Ned, as I feel he is in such a precarious situation.

realize that you are doing anything but playing at it.

About three or four weeks ago I went over to stay with Fanny at Quincy before the rest of them came out. Lizzie Baker was staying there too so that I had a jolly time. She looks as young as ever, and is as full of fun as she can be. Sally Austin too, came out to spend one night and looked ~~just~~ as pretty as possible. She said that she had just had a letter from you, in which you said that she had changed so that you would hardly have known her. I do not see this immense change, but I can assure you that she is just as pretty as ever.

Lizzie Baker has invited me

to make her a visit this Summer
and I am going. She is going to
invite Belle Allen at the same time
and altogether I expect to have
a splendid time. There is only
one drawback to this delightful
plan, that Willie Baker is in the
army and where there is a good
deal of fighting, and I am dreadfully
afraid that something will happen
to him. So that of Capt. Go. Northampton
has improved very much in the social
line since we left. They have actually
had a play, in which Mary Lyman
and Annie Tilton distinguished
themselves, and Puss in Boots himself
appeared in the character of an Admirable
Admiral and gave the hall above his
shoe store for the representation.

preparing for college. Laura
a pert young miss of nearly fourteen
probably quite tall and on the
lookout for beaux, and fun of
every description - these will be
among some of the pleasing facts
which you will see on your return.
You may not however find us in
our place here which has been our
home ever since you went away,
as we wish to sell it if we can.
Probably however none will wish
to buy, and I should like to have
you see it for it is a pleasant
old place after all - in summer.
Sunday before last I spent in
Cambridge with Fanny Greenough
who has just returned from a
three months sojourn in Washing-
ton, and had a great deal

that was entertaining. It tells
one. By the way he has improved
very much I think. On my way
home I staid two days with
Annie Thayer. She is much better
though she is going to St. Catherines
again in July. I had quite a
pleasant time, and it would
have been more so, if it had not
been for her father, and I may
also say her mother, though I like
her quite well, but her father I
am not. [illegible] I tried to be
particularly polite to him too, for
fear he should suspect, and went
up on to the house top with him to
see the view, and played euchre
and put in the evening with
him, as if he were my best

friend. Eugh! I hope you won't be prejudiced against him by anything I say, and I should not say this to anyone but someone who was in China, or Kamschatka, or Ethiopia or some such out landish place. I hope that when you get engaged you will have an eye to the lady's father and mother as well as herself. I can not think now of any little items of gossip that would interest you except that Charly Irving is married; he was engaged to a girl who has since gone into a consumption, and as he was going away to be gone some time she wished to be married, in order to leave him some money I believe. While he was away in love of

absence to be married, the Benville of which he is Ship-master, captured a very rich prize, and if he had only been there, his share would have been enough to make him independent. Another thing of the same sort had happened to Uncle Henry Davis. You know he has been sent to the Mississippi to take the place of Commodore Foote, (and by the way Fort Pillow or Wright has been evacuated and probably he is now in Memphis.) The vessel which he was going to have the command of if he had not been sent there, has taken a prize of which his share would have been $100,000. Only think what a shame. Next Wednesday there is to be a bicentennial

celebration of the settlement of [illegible]
and there are to be great
things at the Town Hall, which
I suppose we shall grace with
our presence, though whether
we shall mingle in the dance
I do not know. I have just trimmed
a lovely bonnet which I shall
wear on the occasion — however
if I am reduced to such an
extremity that I must tell you
of a bonnet I have trimmed,
I think it is time for me to close
so I will only add that the
photograph I shall enclose is Father,
in case you do not know it.
All send much love

Ever off Sister
Mary E. Huntington.

My dear Mills:
I received your photos a few weeks ago & am very much pleased with the single ones of you. They are exactly as you were when you went away & look very well. Jessie looks like you, a good deal, and it is the only likeness we can discover in him to any one. You would be flattered if you saw him, for he is called quite handsome. We have had a great excitement lately about Ned. We received news first that the 11th Regiment of Infantry was cut to pieces, & nearly all the officers killed. Our minds were relieved by hearing from him the day after that he was quite sick the day before recovering from Bilious fever so we thought he could not have been in it. Then it was said to be false, that the 11th was cut up, & now it turns out, he crawled

out of bed almost to go into
the fight & was knocked over
& carried off to the back part
of the field. His letter was very
interesting, & I presume some
of them will copy it & send to
you. I think a boy's first
experience of his first battle
must be a very terrible one,
& I am glad he has still
enough left of the child to be
impressed with it. Some of the
returned officers give most
cold-blooded accounts of
things too horrible to be thought
of. I think if he gets through
this war it will do him a
great deal of good & make a
man of him & at any rate
it was the best & only thing
for him to do. We are [illegible]
raising troops every where
& threaten drafting but it
will probably be prevented
in the country towns by
private subscription offering
every volunteer 75 dollars. Still
the South they have impressed
all able-bodied men. It shows
what we can do, to send off
so many. & yet keep in a

tolerable state of prosperity
at home. But I feel dreadfully
about this Richmond business.
Those rebels will never be
put down, & with this immense
army at that place, what wont
they do, even if scattered?
I am afraid they are smart
enough to beat us yet and
I feel that we are completely
shackled & can never do any
thing, till we proclaim
Emancipation - we must
come to it. It is a war of
slavery & will only
cease with it - dont you
realize it yourself? I
think too many lives
have been already lost
for a mere name. By
seceding they have foregone
the rights & privileges of the
constitution which protected
slavery, and now they
have forfeited their rights
& must pay the penalty.
At one time, before Lincolns
inauguration, it was an

even chance if we did not
compromise & give all they
asked, but that danger is
over we must now fight
to the death. We can never
unite with slavery. & I truly
wonder every one does not
see it. How quickly events
fly with us! and your
letters always seem so
far back. Even when you
receive this we may be
a ruined or victorious
nation, & possibly have
done all that I feel
must come. I should think
you Americans would go
crazy so far from news.
Here we are fit for an
asylum for the insane if
we go a day without the
papers.
I am writing this on a
frightfully hot day & the only
cool place is in front of a
window, with a hot South
wind blowing everything to
pieces. My handwriting is
past apology long ago, however,

Boston August 1st 1862

My Dear Will,

Your letter of Feby 7th came duly to hand and would have been answered long ago but that I have been waiting to get a photograph of myself & Carrie to send you, the latter I send by way of introduction though I really think it does not do her justice.

I am very much obliged to you for sending me your photograph and compared with the specimens of pictures from China that I have seen I should think it was very good. Carrie was struck with the resemblance your features bear to mine (dont let that compliment turn your head). You write to me about your silks, I have not had them on my hands for six months or more, I reported an offer to Mr Curtis but he thought he could do

letter & so took the sell. into his own hand, since then I have known nothing about them - the lucd was hung fire & the auctioneer still has some of it on hand though I have used every exertion to get it closed & shall be heartily glad to see the last of them

Your letter reads as if you felt blue over a prospect of war with England I do not apprehend much danger although we cant afford any more such defeats as that before Richmond for not-withstanding what the newspapers say it was a defeat and a very severe one also - you have heard of course that the president has called for 300000 more troops & enlisting is going on here though many people think drafting will be resorted to but I think old Massachusetts

will fill her quota without, the fact is that laborers are scarce & wages consequently high and men do not feel so anxious to enlist when they can earn $1.25 a $1.00 pr day at home. I feel sometimes as if I must go & nothing but the knowledge that it would be ruinous to my business prospects keeps me at home. business has been very good for past two months and if our work goes on well I expect to be married before Jany next. I do wish you could be at home to my wedding. there is no one of my friends that I shall miss as much as I shall you. it is now four years since you left & I should think you might to have a vacation & visit your family, you will be a leg

Chinaman before you return to the goodly city of Boston
Charlie Cabot you know is now a Capt in the Mass 20th & was in all the late battles before Richmond but did not receive a scratch. he is one of those kind of fellows that always comes down on his feet, there was an awfull slaughter & we now see some of the effects of war in the numbers of wounded & maimed men going about the streets.
dont let it be long before you write & I promise you I wont let another letter remain so long unanswered, believe me

Ever Yours
Wm F. Cabot

My dear [illegible]

Being now some time since you have had the felicity of hearing from me, I conclude that you must be pining under the loss, and hasten to revive your drooping spirits. The fact is I make it a rule to write you every month, but many causes combined prevent my doing it, and so, though the "spirit is willing the flesh is weak". I dare say you will accept the spirit and say you are as much obliged to me as if I did write, (perhaps a little more so.) But really I don't see why you are not receiving letters all the time, either Pa, Mother, or I, are writing constantly, and Fanny and Charley every now and then, and occasionally I hear of some friend writing. Fanny has received your daguerreotype which is thought to be pretty good. I myself prefer the last photograph you sent, which I have hanging up in my room. I wish you could see what a pleasant room it is, there are three windows facing South east, and South west, so that I have the sun from its rising to setting, two of these being on one side, and of course one on the other. Opposite the one on

that I passed my twenty second birth day last week, and I feel as old as Methuselah! I have been away again in Cambridge for nearly six weeks and only returned last Monday. I went first to stay with Aunt Hetty, and the day I arrived she received a letter from Uncle Henry, which caused her to jump six feet high, saying that he was coming home with Constant and James Peirce, who I forgot to say had just been there during the vacation. This would bring him home in about a week and as Aunt Hetty was going on to join him at Washington she made me promise to remain while she was gone. He was ordered home by government, no one knew what for, but an expedition to take Fernandina was planned, which he had to wait for, so that C. and Jim came about a week after, without him. They had a splendid time there, and had a great deal that was interesting to tell, which I cannot repeat. Mr Frederic Eustis our neighbor here happened to go down with them with his little boy, and they joined parties and went to stay with him on his place, for he went down there to see about an estate which belonged to his mother, and which he was going to claim instead of $10.000 she left him & which he had never seen anything of. They went to stay with him

is a mantelpiece, with a table at which I am writing, under it, and over it several photographs pinned up, said mantel being adorned by little articles of vertu, and on each side, two of your Chinese paintings. Opposite the two windows is the bed, and over the bed your picture of "Die heilige Catharina", between the windows the bureau with the long glass Fanny used to have, and at each side of the windows a bookcase with a table under one and a sewing machine under the other. Under the one window is a couch, and adding to these articles a washstand, wardrobe, chairs, and other pictures, you may have a pretty good idea of my sanctum sanctorum as I see it now. Perhaps however I may not enjoy it much longer as the house is advertised for sale, still I don't think anyone will buy it, delightful as it is. I suppose we shall go to Cambridge if we do move, and on some accounts I should like this very well as it is very lonely out here in winter, still I should be sorry to leave a place where I have enjoyed so much on the whole as I have here, indeed I may say that I have passed here four of the happiest years of my life, I never expect again to be so entirely free from care or responsibility, as I find every year increases both. These moral reflections are occasioned by the fact

there and had a splendid time though it was very rainy and they were obliged to sleep on the floor three in a room, &c. young Bowditch went with them. There were 120 negroes on the place who were perfectly delighted to see Mr E. or anyone who would take care of them. They came trooping out to meet them, each one bringing eggs, till they had several dozen, indeed while they were there they lived on eggs, hominy and oysters which they caught on the place. Perhaps you know that a great many people from the North have gone down to settle on the estates deserted by the secesh, and plant cotton, corn and such, or otherwise provide for the negroes. Mr E. returned with him but has gone down to settle upon the estate and in this way get hold of it, so that we are deprived of a very pleasant neighbor; he has however left his family here. However "revenir a nos moutons," Cou brought word that Uncle Henry would not come for a week or ten days, so I went to stay meantime at Aunt Annie's. She and Uncle Charles are both well and Charley having almost given up any lingering hope of getting a commission is devoting himself to study and parties. After I had been there about a week Aunt Hatty received a telegram — to meet Uncle H. at Phila. so he posted

[illegible] possession [illegible] have come back in three

a [illegible] and I afterwards to Aunt Sally's

the [illegible] of my sister Blake's. Uncle Henry of Concord

was besieged with visitors and invitations so

that we did not see much of him except in the

evening Aunt Sally had a little supper for him

[illegible] and we told him many interesting

[illegible] and accounts of the battle [illegible]

thinks that the spirit of the South is broken [illegible]

[illegible] everything [illegible] as we

approach. It's remarkable they did not strike a

[illegible] though [illegible] and

they had remained, we should have had a

severe fight. He says that he went to [illegible] with

[illegible] of Northern Fever and Chronic [illegible]

on the day of the action, he thought that [illegible]

[illegible] either we or they [illegible]

[illegible] the fight [illegible] every [illegible]

[illegible] astonishment when [illegible]

[illegible] He gave me a book which

he picked up at Beaufort called Dodd's Beauties of Shakespeare.

He also brought home other trophies [illegible] large

[illegible] clock and [illegible]

[illegible] beautifully made [illegible]

[illegible] Boston [illegible] in the [illegible] these are

[illegible] they were within a few [illegible]

have trifled, two [illegible] and [illegible]

with the Lovett [illegible] [illegible] Warren and

Lizzie together. Uncle Henry went on to Washington

the day we came home & stays whilst he was [illegible]

away for [illegible] I saw a good deal of Miss Margaret

Davis who asked after you, and [illegible] [illegible]

that all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sally [illegible]

was delighted to leave [illegible] [illegible] the family

have taken [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] house.

Sally had been up to Northampton to stay with

Annie [illegible] Clark, and was [illegible] perfectly

fascinated by [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] perfect

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the

one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a canopy of

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the house, [illegible] looks

away [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] flowers

at a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has come home from

boarding school much improved. On the whole

I had a very pleasant time & [illegible] [illegible] then

[illegible] [illegible] Fanny [illegible] is staying at the Irving's

in Washington, and [illegible] first [illegible] the time

[illegible] [illegible] go to the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

Milton May 25th 1862.

My dear Mills,

I intended writing directly on the arrival of your splendid "Japan flower plates" for which a thousand thanks - they were on so grand a scale that I could not find room for but one in my dress parlor & I know that you will not regret that I passed one of them over to Fanny, who lives in such a very spacious mansion that it seemed a fitting home for it. She was delighted with it & mine is the admiration of all beholders. I began to say, I intended writing, but I was just recovering from an illness in the form of a cough which almost amounted to lung fever - I mention it only because I found such an accumulation of affairs on my hands with but little strength, that I put it off. I am all right now. Yesterday was of Father's 60th birth day, in fact I remembered him of by presenting him with a gold pencil case to replace one that he lost which he had carried for years. We hear from Ned often & now that he is made Lieut.t he is very happy indeed - I think he has found his niche, & will fill it well. His last letter says they were within a few miles of Richmond

is at present an expense. I think it is necessary. I hope you have received [illegible] from [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] comfort [illegible] in the want of [illegible] I hope the attendance [illegible] come & [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] God bless you & keep you [illegible] [illegible]

All send love

with McClellan – 75,000 troops encamped under
their eye – the U.S.A. – being on a hill overlooks the
grand encampment of Artillery – Cavalry – Infantry
&c. Ned says it is a grand sight – they hope to
take Richmond & mean to do it unless the enemy
evacuate as they did Yorktown. I dread to hear there
has been a battle for there will be such a loss of
life & I feel Ned's post is one of great
danger. I dare say he will mount all his trappings
& make himself a mark for the enemy. I feel the
old men have fought with the bravery of these
veterans & have shown a coolness & courage that
it would have secured years of warfare alone
could have given – but still I feel tho' we
conquer the South we shall never in my life
be a united people again – the hatred which
Southern men feel & the contempt Northern
men show for the South cannot bring them
together again. But I will not talk of these matters
you see the papers & can form your own opinions
Sr. Uncle Henry is on the Mississippi – in place of Com.
Foote who is wounded & now recruiting his health
He is highly spoken of in the papers & very much beloved
by his men – being brave & doing such a great
seaman. Did you hear of Charlie Rice's engagement

Annie Harper goes again to the Catskills for her health tho' later

to Miss Lena Fay - daughter of Rev C Fay - grand daughter of Judge F. She is older than he, not pretty, very poor & full of talent. What they will live on, I know not - she is a strong Church woman & has brought C over to the true faith as she believes it. The family like it - & are glad to have C engaged. Lowry - Mrs L & little Sa: Sue. dined with us last week bringing Lizzie Baker with them looking very well & as young as ever. I should think Northampton a little more gay than formerly - at least Lizzie tells us of a new institution in the way of gents tea drinking - a club of 12 who meet to discuss matters in general - drink tea, eat oysters, sandwiches &c - no women being present. They are supposed to be exciting & Mr Baker is one of the 12. Mary is at Cambridge passing a few days with Fanny G. who has been all winter in Washington with her Uncle Judge L & family. It being a first winter from school & in society it has been one of great interest & Washington full of interest. I hope soon to send your father & my photographs - yours is capital & I have put you in my book which yr Aunt L sent me from Paris & I think you are quite the nicest looking young man there - tho I have many very distinguished foreigners sent me in the book. I suppose you have seen & a

I have been called to dispose of the "Lecturer" engagements to him!

letter from Sallie Austin for Gertrude sent to yr Fathers office to get yr address. Sallie does not seem to smile on any of her admirers. yr Cousin Sarah says to me in her loudest tones "Mrs H I have given up the idea of ever seeing my girls married". It has been such a pet idea of hers it must have cost her a struggle! Yr Grandmother & Aunts are all well - They are fighting (not yr Grandma & Aunts) but the Corporation of Harvard College about the Presidency Mr Felton you know died in Feb 7. a great loss to his family & the College. Revd Thomas Hill now of Antioch College was the prominent Candidate but there is opposition. Yr Father & I dined with the Ellises at yr Uncle Fredk's last week - the first time we ever dined there tho' I have been married 18 years we had a gorgeous dinner & yr Uncle F. was called 4 times away during dinner to see distressed Saints or Sinners - which quite provoked yr Aunt H. - & I did not wonder - as he came from the dining room the entry seemed to be full of mere Saints or Sinners & I felt glad yr Father was not a popular preacher. Since you left they have two dear little girls - one Ruth - the other Mary. Yr Grandpa they say has resumed his youth from Aunt B. is very well. I hope one of these days to send you good photographs of Henry & Laura but as

Mr E. H. Mills Huntington, Boston, Feby. 21. 1860.
Hong Kong, China.

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Wm. W. Curtis

* Same from yours truly,

A. S. Martin

Nath. Sargent Esqr.

the place does not agree with me, either mentally or
physically. It is no joke for a business man three
5 months, out of the city of business, and besides this
place is too remote & there at all times for one going
disappointment & dissatisfaction. I have signed the firm name
you will have observed, and shall continue to do so till
Knight has got through his present trouble and
difficulties with the Mandarins, for I do not
think I can honorably leave till these are settled.
What I shall do next I have not decided upon. I
suppose find a situation if possible. but I hardly
think it so, considering so many houses are either
full or retrenching their expenses. If I cannot succeed
in this I shall start for home. via San Francisco.
It is 8 years today since I landed in Hong Kong.
My experience since then has been rather of a varied
& varied description, but I cannot say that I look
back with much regret upon the time spent, as I
have picked up a good deal of useful information
of the different kinds of trade and much of
the different trading classes of China all along the
Coast. This province is very little known to those
who have never lived here and being so unlike the
other provinces of China is not without interest -
but I am not a man of fortune or leisure and
do not feel justified in stopping here longer. [illegible]

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